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UNEMPLOYED ENGINEERING AND MEDICAL GRADUATES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the number of unemployed medical and engineering graduates is increasing continuously during the recent past;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of unemployed medical and engineering graduates in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to remove unemployment among the youths of this category?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a to c) Estimates of employment & unemployment in the country are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey for which results are available pertains to the year 1999-2000. As per these surveys, unemployment rate among educated youth (Age Group 15-29 years) with technical education (those having additional diplomas or certificates in Agriculture, Engineering/ Technology, Medicine, crafts and other subjects) on usual status basis has marginally gone down from around 27.3% in 1993-94 to 23.7% in 1999-2000. State-wise details are not available.

(d) With the economy expected to grow at around 8% per annum and the Government emphasis on development of infrastructure, better health services, emphasis to IT and communication sectors etc., substantial employment opportunities for engineers and medical graduates are likely to be created in the economy.